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BOOK REVIEWS.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON THE LAW OF RECEIVERS, AS APPLICABLE TO INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS AND CORPORATIONS. By William A. Alderson. New York : Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1905. pp. lxxi., 956.

The author of this treatise is the reviser of Beach on Receivers. Accordingly, he brought to the performance of his present task an amount of preparation, which does not always characterize the legal writer, in this era of rapidly multiplying books. It is not surprising, therefore, that his publishers confidently declare that "this work constitutes an exhaustive presentation of every feature of the Law of Receivers and contains more matter, more cases, and a greater number of topics, than any other book on the subject". Our examination of the volume convinces us that this claim is well-grounded. Whether it contains any unnecessary topics and any superfluous matter, is quite another question. A comparison of the chapter, on Receivers in Bankruptcy, with the corresponding sections in the last edition of Collier on Bankruptcy, will show the fullness with which Mr. Alderson discusses even the minor topics of his theme. Cautious readers may think that it also shows a superfluity of matter, in the three or four pages devoted to the consideration of the question, whether the appointment of a receiver in a State Court is an act of bankruptcy. There can be no doubt, however, that his discussion of "The Effect of Bankruptcy Proceedings on Receivership Proceedings in State Courts," is excellent.

"Receivers of Railroads" is a topic which naturally lends itself to extended consideration, from several points of view ; and the author has spared neither himself nor his readers, in this part of his work. Not only has he collated the cases exhaustively, but he has indulged himself in trenchant criticism of what he believes to be evil tendencies and bad practices. He bastes "friendly receivers" and their advocates most vigorously, quoting freely from eminent judges, the while. Most of the chapter on "Receivers of Partnership Property" is admirable ; but the section headed, "Right to Share in Profits as a Test of the Partnership", is rather disappointing. The author seems to have had in mind, here, the rule that a receiver may be appointed in actions between joint owners of profits, whether they are partners or not.

We have no doubt that the volume will be found very useful to the practitioner. It is certainly a fine specimen of the bookmaker's art ; and, probably, the publishers are justified in claiming that it "is not only the latest, but the most extensive and satisfactory work on the subject".

A BRIEF SURVEY OF EQUITY JURISDICTION. By C. C. Langdell. Cambridge : The Harvard Law Review Association. 1905, p. 303.

The series of articles appearing in the Harvard Law Review from time to time under this title demonstrated, if any further proof of the